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**BRUNSWICK EDC**  
2 September 2004

**Present:** Wayne Allgaier, James R. Castle, Judy Cheng, Ken Ebmeier, Sherri Wright, Ellis Burruss, Julian Etches. (Mayor Jones also joined us.)

**Minutes of August meeting** approved.

**New business activity in town:**

- Book Crossing (Sherri Wright) Grand Opening Sat, Sept 18.
- New antique store (Jerry Knight) opening soon.
- Beans in the Belfry (Melanie DiPasquale) progressing. No word on opening date.
- 84 Lumber on track
- CheckBrunswickFirst.com held meeting last night – 15 attendees. Distributing placemats to local restaurants, newspaper inserts
- Former motorcycle shop on Petersville Road being converted to antique shop.
- Ellis Burruss's new building (Brandywine) going through City P&Z process.

**Welcome Baskets.**

- Need help in distributing more. Beth Johnson organizing.
- Need to move baskets from City Hall (P&Z needs the room). Suggested places: Melanie DiPasquale's basement, Bill Sims' basement, Jim Castle's office. (Obviously we would need to contact these people.)

**Movies in the Park.** Successful 2004 summer season. Need to start planning for next year (selection of movies to be shown, grants and other sources of financing.)

**Main Street Maryland**

- Board of Directors to be selected by the Mayor by Sept 7. First Board meeting to be held Sept. 16
- Main Street Manager: 19 applicants. Initial interviews Sept 3. Finalists to be interviewed by Board and by City Council Sept. 16.
- Relationship of EDC to Main Street program: Proposed "division of labor" distributed by Wayne for consideration. Will need further discussion.

**Monthly Business Breakfasts**

- September: New Main Street Manager (if selected later this month)
- October: Representative from Maryland Historic Trust to speak on tax credits.

**Railroad Days EDC Booth** (October 2 & 3). We need volunteers to staff this. Contact Wayne if you are able to help.

**Potomac Valley Heritage Trail.** No report.

**Resource Guide.** Latest edition was 1990. Jim will update and get back to us.

**Downtown parking** becoming more of a problem with increasing residential occupancy. To be discussed further at next month's meeting.

**Business longevity recognition** has been neglected. We need someone to be responsible for seeing that this is done.

**City website.** City soliciting suggestions for links to be added.

**Report from Frederick County OED (James Gangawere)**

- 4<sup>th</sup> annual Business Appreciation Week: End of September. 10 Brunswick businesses to be visited.
- Sept 16 (8-10 am): Sunrise meeting in Middletown, similar to the one held earlier in Brunswick.
- "Work in Frederick County" campaign underway.
- Leadership Frederick County March 10, 2005. *May* visit Brunswick.

Annual **election of EDC chairman** scheduled for November meeting.

**Next EDC meeting date:** Thursday, October 7, 7:30 pm.

Wayne Allgaier  
Chairman, EDC